

Senate Resolution 464

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Higher Education Outcomes Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia's higher education system is among the most innovative
3 and forward-thinking in the country; and

4 WHEREAS, the nature of work is changing and the economy demands unique higher
5 education credentials, including degrees, certifications, and other forms of continuing
6 education; and

7 WHEREAS, higher education can be a life-changing decision for a student, but it is
8 important for students, parents, educators, and policy makers to make informed decisions on
9 how to respond to an evolving labor market; and

10 WHEREAS, further study by this body on higher education outcomes is warranted and
11 needed.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

13 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Higher Education
14 Outcomes Study Committee.

15 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of seven members of the
16 Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall
17 also appoint an additional two nonlegislative members of the committee as follows: one
18 member from the University System of Georgia and one member from the Technical
19 College System of Georgia. The President of the Senate shall designate a member of the
20 committee as chairperson of the committee.

21 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,
22 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or
23 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

(4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

(5) **Allowances, expenses, and funding.**

(A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

(B) Members of the committee who are state officials, other than legislative members, or who are state employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the committee, but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members of the committee in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees.

(C) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the Senate; except that funds for the reimbursement of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and for the reimbursement of the expenses of state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to their respective agencies.

(6) **Report.**

(A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee. A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with the Secretary of the Senate.

(D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Secretary of the Senate a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

(7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2019.